



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 470

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning The Vocational-Technical Schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of public act 99-281 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) On and after July 1, 1999, the Commissioner of Education shall
4 include school building projects for the regional vocational-technical
5 schools on the list developed pursuant to section 10-283, as amended.
6 Prior to inclusion on the list, such projects shall be reviewed by the
7 Department of Public Works. The adoption of the list by the General
8 Assembly and authorization by the State Bond Commission of the
9 issuance of bonds pursuant to section 10-287d shall fund the full cost
10 of the projects. Funds for the projects shall be transferred to the
11 Department of Public Works and, upon such transfer, the projects shall
12 be subject to the requirements of chapters 59 and 60.

13 (b) The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the
14 Department of Education, shall prequalify construction design
15 professionals for purposes of school building projects for the
16 vocational-technical schools and shall develop and update every four
17 years a list of such prequalified design professionals. For the purposes
18 of this subsection "construction design professional" means (1) any
19 person licensed as an architect under the provisions of chapter 390, (2)
20 any person licensed, or exempted from licensure, as an engineer under

21 the provisions of chapter 391, or (3) any corporation organized to
22 render professional services through the practice of either or both of
23 such professions in this state.

24 (c) The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the
25 Department of Education, shall prequalify building contractors for
26 purposes of school building projects for the vocational-technical
27 schools and shall maintain a list of such prequalified building
28 contractors.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

31 (a) Not later than January 1, 1990, and every five years thereafter,
32 the State Board of Education shall adopt a long-range plan of priorities
33 and goals for the regional vocational-technical school system. The plan
34 shall address coordination with other providers of vocational,
35 technical or technological education or training and shall include (1) an
36 analysis of the activities described in subsections (b) [to (d), inclusive,]
37 and (c) of this section and how such activities relate to the long-range
38 plan of priorities and goals and a summary of activities related to
39 capital improvements and (2) equipment pursuant to subsection (d) of
40 this section. Upon adoption of the plan, the state board shall file the
41 plan with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
42 having cognizance of matters relating to education, finance, revenue
43 and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The
44 state board shall use the plan in preparing its five-year comprehensive
45 plan pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-4.

46 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

48 (d) The State Board of Education shall maintain a rolling five-year
49 capital improvement and capital equipment plan that identifies: (1)
50 Alterations, renovations and repairs that each vocational-technical
51 school is expected to need, including, but not limited to, grounds and
52 athletic fields, heating and ventilation systems, wiring, roofs, and

53 windows, and the cost of such projects, (2) recommendations for
54 energy efficiency improvements to each school and the cost of such
55 improvements, and (3) the specific equipment each regional
56 vocational-technical school is expected to need, based on the useful life
57 of existing equipment and projections of changing technology and the
58 estimated cost of the equipment. The State Board of Education shall
59 submit such plan, annually, to the joint standing committees of the
60 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
61 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of
62 state agencies.

63 Sec. 4. (NEW) The Department of Education shall provide in-service
64 training programs, in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-220a
65 of the general statutes, for the teachers, administrators and pupil
66 personnel employed in the vocational-technical schools who hold the
67 initial educator, provisional educator or professional educator
68 certificate. In addition, the department shall provide programs to
69 enhance the knowledge and skill level of such teachers in their
70 vocational or technical field.

71 Sec. 5. Subsection (i) of section 2 of public act 99-242 is repealed and
72 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

73 (i) For the Department of Education: Alterations and improvements
74 to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment,
75 tools, supplies, vehicles and technology upgrades at all Regional
76 Vocational-Technical Schools, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

77 Sec. 6. Subsection (h) of section 21 of public act 99-242 is repealed
78 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

79 (h) For the Department of Education: Alterations and improvements
80 to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment,
81 tools, supplies, vehicles and technology upgrades at all Regional
82 Vocational-Technical Schools, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

83 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that sections

84 1 to 4, inclusive, and 6, shall take effect July 1, 2000.

ED Committee Vote: Yea 30 Nay 0 JFS C/R APP

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